

LAST SWEARING-OFF DAY.

**ERRATER DISCOVERS THAT
THERE'S NO TAX ON BABIES.**

Two young men advanced, trembling, to Tax Commissioner Barker's desk yesterday morning. The first one was assessed for \$3,000. Mr. Barker looked up at him over his spectacles and said in his usual stern manner:

"Well, what's your business?"

"I have none," said the man, shaking all over.

"Well, how much personal property have you?"

"Ist mein vater," answered the young man, "ill more scared."

"What investment does that represent?" asked Mr. Barker dreamily.

"Mein Gott! was ist das?" gasped the man.

"Eh, what's that?" asked the President of

Tax Commission, waking up. "Hal hal hal ere, sign that paper. I guess you're all right, you swear that the baby is the only personal property you have? All right; get out." The next man advanced timidly to the desk and said:

Dat was mein bruder. I haf no wife. *I haf* baby."

All right; sign that paper and get out." He rushed to swear off taxes yesterday, which was the last day on which it could be done, was greater than ever before. Mr. Barker broke the record

The other two Commissioners, who are new to the business, got rid of a goodly number, too, most of those who came to swear off yesterday men who had small stores or manufacturing shops, and not one in ten was solvent, according to the stories. The saloon keepers, too, in a bad way. Their stock and fixtures are generally valued at \$500 or \$1,000, and they all are going to the buyers on mortgages of \$3,000, \$6,000 respectively.

And yet," said President Barker, "when the owners come here they say these mortgages are good, and so the city gets nothing from either."

The doors of the Tax Department were closed today for the first time in years, and the crowd would move the heart of Policeman Flanigan, and some of the late comers were almost in tears when they found they had waited four hours for a hearing. One of the most interesting of the amusing incidents of yesterday was when a noted Baxter street clothier came to see an agent for his assessment. Mr. Barker turned away from him, and the man begged for a hearing. After it was all made out the clothier was told to his horror that by his own confession he would have to pay taxes on \$5,000. "What do you get my stock valued at?" he demanded, nervously.

"Forty thousand dollars," was the answer.

"Mr. Gott that ain't right," he said.

"It is, and you know it," was the audacious retort.

"Idings. Sheap, sheap at dirt,"

"Well, you said they were worth \$40,000 and it goes," said Mr. Taggart. "Here, Mr. Barker, will you tend to this man?"

"I will," said Mr. Barker, with a grin. "Now I say these clothes aren't worth anything?"

"No, dey ain't. I sell you anythings in de store for twenty-five cents on a dollar."

"Well, I guess you had better let that assessment stand."

"After it was ein oudrage, I pay tax on real estate. You can't voice me to bay."

"You can't," here said Mr. Barker. "You at sign that and think yourself lucky at getting off so easily," and the man, whose wife has the biggest diamonds on the east side, almost burst as he did so.

dward de la Tour Booth-Tucker, commander-in-chief of the Salvation forces in the United States, sent in a written application for the building at 130, 122 West 14th street, for exemption from the 1934 assessment of \$133,000 on the ground that it was devoted to religious purposes. Mr. Tucker said he understood that the building had been exempted last year. Mr. Harker said this was a mistake. He said that Hallington Booth had applied for and secured exemption for the building in 1933, but that he had not asked for it in 1934, but had not asked that the building on 13th street be exempted. The application was referred to the Real Estate Bureau, 100 City Hall, and was not granted.

Assistant to the Rev. Dr. Morgan.
HARTFORD, April 30.—The Rev. John Williams of Windsor Locks has accepted a call to become the senior assistant to the Rev. Dr. Parker Morgan of the Church of the Heavenly Host, New York city. He will begin his duties June 1. Mr. Williams has been associated with St. Paul's parish, Windsor Locks, for seven years as lay reader, and for the past three years as rector of St. Paul's parish and of Calvary church in Suffield. Dr. Morgan will soon go abroad, to be gone until November, and Mr. Williams will be in charge of the church.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

MARRIED.

MES-BAERDEEN.—On April 80, at Alken, &c., by the Rev. Dr. Edgerton, emeritus rector of St. Thaddeus's Church, Thomas L. James of New York city to Mrs. Jennie Freeburn Baerdeen of

DIED.

DUNCAN.—On Thursday, April 30, 1896, Richard J. Duncan, aged 34 years, son of Thomas F. Duncan, residence 127 East 37th st. Cause of funeral hereafter.

OSBORNE.—At the Osborne on Tuesday morning.

April 28, 1896, Laurinda M., widow of Ephraim H. Farrar.
 Funeral services at her late residence, Friday morning, May 1, at 11 o'clock.
McK.—On Wednesday, April 29, 1896, after a brief illness, Lucy Hastings, widow of Charles McLean Peck.
 Funeral services at the residence of Mrs. Chas. Abernethy, 89 West 50th st., on Friday, May 1, at 9 A. M. Interment at convenience of the family.
McKMAN.—At Yonkers, April 29, 1896, Crosby Anthoniand, youngest son of Theodore H. and Jane C. Silkman, in the 4th year of his age.

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